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JACKSON DAY WILL BE THE ACCEPTED TIME

For the Democrats of This Progressive Nation to Hold a Great Get-Together Session

In the State There Will Also Be the Same Co-operation Shown Which Will Bring Victory

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—From Washington, D. C. comes the information that leaders in the Democratic party plan to elect a successor to Chairman White of the Democratic National committee and otherwise reorganize the national committee on Jackson day, January 8, 1921, instead of in December. Many members of the committee feel that a meeting in December would be too soon after election. There is strong sentiment for the January reorganization meeting. Jackson day, always an occasion for Democratic celebration, has been suggested and may yet win approval. Four men, Daniel L. Roper, Thomas L. Chadbourne, Joseph R. Tumulty, and Robert W. Woolley, are mentioned as the most likely candidates to succeed Chairman White. Woolley seems at the present time to be far in the lead for this big "Only Reliable party" honor. Missouri democracy will be represented at the meeting, whenever it is held, by its national committeeman, Edward P. Goltra.

Reed-Atkinson St. Louis Editor

United States Senator James A. Reed, who refused to endorse the candidacy of Gov. Cox because of his support of the League of Nations, and John M. Atkinson, Democratic candidate for governor in the recent campaign, who had the support of Senator Reed and his friends, in formal statements made public Saturday in St. Louis, declared that Democrats should put aside bickerings and dimensions and get together upon a common ground upon which all staunch partisans can unite.

Atkinson's statement took the form of a letter to State Chairman C. E. Yancey of Liberty, he suggesting the calling of a meeting of the joint executive committee of the men and women's organization on November 30 to outline a definite plan and program "to be pursued by the Democratic party in this state." This meeting, Atkinson said, should be followed by a meeting of the two state committees and defeated candidates for office and party leaders at Jefferson City, just before the legislature convenes, outline the attitude of the Democratic minority upon legislation and other subjects.

Atkinson in the Lincolnton

"Look to the future" is the text of the communication to the Democrats of the state, of Atkinson. A plea for co-operation with Republicans in enacting good legislation is inclined. A warning is given that the successful party must not be permitted to use its strength to be unfair in its congressional and state Senatorial redistricting, and in other similar measures. The communication, in part, follows:

"Dear Mr. Yancey—On my return to the office after a brief vacation I am taking the liberty of writing you relative to future organization work and policies to be pursued by the Democratic party in our state.

"In the first place, I want to say that you and your associates conducted a splendid and vigorous state campaign. It was a Republican landslide from ocean to ocean. During the past four years individual voters had accumulated various 'grouches' until they pyramided on election day. Friends have advised me of various reasons which controlled individual voters in our state. It would do no good to analyze these several causes.

"I feel that all the Democratic nominees made a splendid campaign. I have not a single apology to make or a single regret to express for having made the race for governor. I made a good, clean fight along a high plane, and I kept the faith. The constancy and sincerity of my friends in all parts of the state are attested by the fact that I ran far ahead of my ticket.

"No Democratic voter who saw fit to desert his party this year should be driven out of the party in the future. The fundamental principles of the Democratic party are so true and just that every such voter should be

party at the next election. The policies of the party should be such as to encourage the return of every Democrat who strayed away this year. The issues which caused them to refuse to vote the party ticket this year will have been settled long ere the next election rolls around. We can all find a common ground on which to stand—the fundamental principles of the Democratic party. The organization work should be along such lines as to invite the return of every Democrat who left the party instead of driving them away.

Post Mortems Not Necessary

"I can see no good for the leaders of the party now holding post mortems. We must keep our face to the future and continue our fight for the Democratic party, standing for clean, progressive legislation and constructive policies of government in state and nation. I do not want to see the Democratic party become a mere negative party.

"I want to see the Democrats in our state legislature support every clean, progressive measure whether offered or recommended by Republican or Democrat. The Republicans have many serious problems now confronting them. It remains to be seen whether they take hold of these problems with a sincere desire to solve them or whether they are incompetent to do so from the standpoint of statesmanship, or whether their leadership have been insincere.

"In our state, laws governing primaries, registrations and elections should be revised and strengthened in every way possible to insure honest primaries and elections. This should not be done in a bitter partisan spirit, but rather by both Democrats and Republicans in the interest of all the people. The Democratic party in the past has always given bipartisan representation on election boards and in the appointment of election judges and clerks.

"The primary laws should be amended so that county courts and election commissioners on affidavit of any candidates, charging errors or frauds in the counting and certifying of ballots, should be empowered to open the ballot boxes and recount the same. Great corruption and fraud by certain Republican bosses in St. Louis is now being uncovered by a grand jury investigation here. Such intolerable conditions should not be permitted to exist.

Amend Primary Laws

"I think it is desirable that certain amendments should be made to our state primary laws and this should be taken up in the spirit of fairness between the two parties.

"Many vicious and corrupt Gerrymander of congressional and senatorial districts in our state will convict the Republican party of absolute insincerity. I want our Democratic senators and representatives to take a vigorous stand against such laws. If the Republican party should force through such partisan laws it will be necessary to appeal to the people to repudiate same.

"The great problem of better schools, better roads, a state budget and the readjustment and reduction of taxation problems should be heartily and generously supported by the Democratic members of the legislature. Of course, the burden of initiative is on the Republican party. I want to see better laws passed for the government of our state elementary and penal institutions.

"For many years the Republican party has clamored for home rule for our large cities in the appointment of election and police commissioners. What will be their attitude now no one can tell, as so many of their issues have been insincere. If they should decide to pass home rule bills giving the power to the mayors of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph to appoint election boards and police commissioners the Democrats should strive in every way possible to see that such laws are so written as to provide for the rigid enforcement of

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NOT ON A FEMALE HABERDASHERY

"Chicken dressed here—come in."

This sign appears on the front of Fred Clark's place of business on North Second street—a poultry house—and not a female haberdashery.

FATHER GAVE THEM AWAY

Three St. Joseph Children Are Given Away by Their Parents Who Could Not Support Them.

According to the Kansas City papers the authorities of Kansas City, Kas., are looking for James Miller and his wife, said to be in the vicinity of St. Joseph, who are charged with giving three of their children away in the Kansas town, and then coming to this city or vicinity. According to the story told by James Miller, Jr., 10 years of age, to S. A. Briscoe, probation officer of Wyandotte county, James, Jr., his brother Henry, 8 years old, were given to Alonzo Seccrest three weeks ago. James said that a sister, Pearl, 11 years old, was given to a woman, name and address by them unknown, and that their mother took their 6-month-old baby sister with her. She did not leave with their father, the boys said, and did not tell them where she was going.

The boys said that their parents brought them to the Kansas side from St. Joseph, last month. "The man who owned the house we moved into told papa that we would have to move or pay rent," said James last night. "We were hungry and papa told mama that he had no money to buy food, let alone pay the rent. Papa used to go out every morning looking for work. But he never found a job."

In the meantime the landlord had forced them out of their home, the boys said, and it was then decided that the children should be given away.

The two boys were taken to the Wyandotte County detention home, 1903 North Tenth street, last Friday afternoon by Seccrest, who said he had a large family of his own and was unable to support two additional members.

Tuesday the boys, tired of the environment of the detention home, escaped. They were found at Sixth street and Minnesota avenue and placed in the juvenile ward at the county jail. An attempt is now being made to locate the parents of the children by the officers here, who have been asked to do so by the Kansas authorities.

BEN ARNHOLDT LANDS A NEW JOB

Benny Arnholdt, who always is at the front of the procession when the grand old party of staidness and conservatism starts on a hike, is the first one of the faithful to shake a plum from the new state tree. Charles C. Hucks, who since the office was established has been deputy secretary of state in charge of the St. Joseph office at the city hall, resigned last week in order to go into the oil business at Medall, Okla., and when his resignation reached Secretary of State John L. Sullivan at Jefferson City, the latter whose term will expire Jan. 1st, called in secretary-elect Charles U. Becker, and asked him to make the appointment—and he promptly chose Benny—who will assume charge of the new office Dec. 1st.

AS TOLD BY BILLY SHERWOOD

The other day Adam approached Peter at the party gates and said: "I should very much like, Pete, to get a pass to revisit my old haunts on earth."

"Nothing doing, Adam. You started too much trouble down there when you were a young man."

"Aw, Peter, be a good sport and let me go."

"What do you want to go down there for, anyhow?"

"I want to turn over another leaf."

REV. WELTON DIES AT SKIDMORE

Rev. W. F. Harris of this city was in Skidmore Thursday where he officiated at the funeral of the Rev. W. H. Welton of that place, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, who died on the Tuesday previous after an illness of but a week. Rev. Welton leaves a wife to mourn his loss. He had been in the ministry for fifty-five years and was formerly pastor of the Olive street church here.

Some thief stole Dr. F. G. Beard's Stutz car from his garage, No. 329 Edmond street, Monday night.

MISSOURI'S GREAT CHARACTER AT WASHINGTON

EX-GOV. ALEXANDER MONROE DOCKERY NOW THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

HAS SPENT OVER A QUARTER CENTURY THERE

In a Timely Article on Account of the Serious Illness of This Great Old Statesman, Matilda W. Ganitt, Writes Most Interestingly of One of the Men Who as Much So If Not More Than Any Other Missourian Has Helped to Put This Great State to the Forefront.

In the current issue of the Missouri State Journal is a charming pen picture of Missouri's grand old man, Hon. Alexander Monroe Dockery, now third assistant postmaster general, and former governor and congressman from this state. This story is by Matilda W. Ganitt, whose intimate knowledge of Gov. Dockery has made her peculiarly well fitted to write this life sketch. In view of the fact that Gov. Dockery is almost as well known in St. Joseph as he is in his home town of Gallatin, the further fact that he is now seriously ill in a hospital at Takoma Park, Maryland, lends peculiar interest to her well written story, which is as follows:

"A unique character at the national capital is Alexander M. Dockery, at one time governor of the commonwealth of Missouri, now serving his eighth year as third assistant postmaster general. His hair is snow white, but his step is firm and his eye has the same twinkle which, in Missouri, is called the 'Dockery Wink.' Anybody who has not seen the 'Dockery Wink' has missed something. It is the most mysterious of all signs and may signify approval, disapproval, a mixture, or anything else. Not even his most intimate friends have been able to fully understand it. They only know when they see it, that it means action, something doing in the political camp, that 'zero hour' has come and someone will go 'over the top,' and everybody is ready to spring at the first wink. Another characteristic of Governor Dockery is his fondness for old time boots. Even when he dons his dress suit to attend state functions, where he is frequently a guest, he cannot be persuaded to leave off his boots.

"Like many other great men, he came into the world by the 'rural route.' His father, who was a Southern Methodist preacher, was compelled by reason of the requirements of his profession to move from place to place, so that it happened that the subject of this sketch first saw the light in the log cabin of his grandfather, which was situated on Honey Creek, near Gallatin, in Davies County, Missouri. This important event happened on February 11, 1845.

Attended Common School "The lad 'knew and waxed strong' and in course of time attended a common school in a log cabin. This log cabin school house had no hardwood floors, no spacious windows letting in a flood of light on all sides, no modern desks, no furnace heat, no modern desks, no modern desks, no modern desks, but it boasted of a good, solid dirt floor, puncheon (split log) seats, and a great rough fireplace occupying one entire end of the room. The pupils, instead of serving themselves at a modern cafeteria, brought their lunches in tin buckets.

"After a number of years at a succession of these pioneer school houses, young Dockery entered Macon Academy, at Macon, Missouri, but there, after a time, his education was suddenly interrupted. Being now the summer of 1861, differences of opinion in regard to the war between the states practically broke up the school, and teacher and pupils separated, some to fight for their country and others too young to go to war, went to plowing corn and planting wheat. Young Dockery, then a lad of not quite sixteen, was one of the few remaining students at the academy, when, as indicated, his school days for the time being were brought to a sudden close by the arrival of the Federal troops in the town while he was reciting his Latin lesson. It is needless to say that the Latin lesson ended without further ado.

"Later on young Dockery bethought himself that it would be a good time for him to study medicine, so he enrolled in the St. Louis Medical College. There he met his old preceptor of Macon Academy days. Three years had passed since they met and no doubt teacher and pupil exchanged many reminiscences of the stirring times when school was dismissed because the soldiers had come to town.

Graduated in Medicine "He was graduated in medicine on March 2, 1864, and began practicing at Linneus, Missouri. He was fortunate in not having to go through the starving period as most young physicians do. He said, 'The people had to send for me because all the older men were away in the war.'

"He proved successful from the first and saved enough money to send himself to Bellevue College, New York, and Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he took a post-graduate course.

"After returning to Linneus, Dr. Dockery, as he was then called, enjoyed a lucrative practice until 1868, when he moved to Chillicothe, Missouri, where, beside being a busy doctor, he held positions of civic responsibility.

"In 1874 he changed his residence to Gallatin, Missouri, where he started the 'Farmers' Exchange Bank,' now one of the great banks of Northwest Missouri.

WHERE THEY WILL GO WHEN TERMS EXPIRE

GOOD DEMOCRATS WHO HELD STATE OFFICES TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE

WHERE THEY CAN STILL HELP THEIR STATE

Nearly All of Those Who Will Leave the State House on January 1st Have Their Future Plans Completed and Their Relinquishment of Office Will Give the Republicans Full Control of the State and It Will Be Up to Them to Make Good.

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Keep Wolf From Door State Treasurer George H. Middleton will for the present return to his former home in Lincoln county, where he has a large thriving farm which is well supplied with high-grade live stock and his annual yield of wheat, corn and other farm commodities will easily keep the wolf constantly at a safe distance. He may return to the banking business.

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senator from the Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District, will be opposed by William C. Smith of Jefferson City, of the Twenty-Seventh District for president pro-tem. A suggested compromise is to make Gray president pro-tem and Smith, republican, floor leader.

Speaker of the House

The leading candidates for Speaker of the House of Representatives are former Speaker Sam F. McFall of Holt county and Walter E. Baily, speaker pro-tem during the last session and a three-time member from the Carthage district of Jasper county. Other aspirants for the speaker's chair are John C. Bryant, Howell county; O. B. Whitaker, Hickory county; and W. E. Caulfield, a second term from St. Louis.

Governor-elect Arthur M. Hyde, and members of both houses of the incoming general assembly and non-partisan political organizations such as the League of Women Voters, will insist that the primary system of selecting state tickets for all parties be maintained but are expected to ask that the state law be amended to correct all existing defects. The purpose of this will be "to strip" primary elections of Missouri of those contests and turn the privilege of nominating all party nominees solely over to the voters.

Hyde for State-wide Primaries

It is pointed out that Governor-elect Hyde was not the choicest of the "gap" bosses for that big republican nomination last August, those powers and the St. Louis interests being for the Springfield newspaper editor, E. E. E. McClinnick. The republican voters of rural Missouri wanted Hyde as their candidate and put him over with the aid of the present state-wide primary law.

A measure advocating changes in the franchise and income tax laws, to eliminate some of the features against which objections have been raised, will be introduced early in the next session of the legislature.

The next state senate will consist of nineteen republican senators and fifteen democrats. With State Senator Conway Elder, elected supreme court judge, resigning to accept his new position, it will leave for thirty days, until this St. Louis senatorial vacancy can be filled, but eighteen republican senators, just one over one half of the total membership. If one of these eighteen dies or becomes seriously ill, it will sadly hamper the proceedings of the senate for at least half of the session unless a combination is made with the democratic platoon of fifteen and substantial recognition given this faction of that body.

A. T. EDMONSTON.

HART AND DAVIS

The St. Joseph Crooks Who Robbed a Blue Springs Store Are Convicted.

When Charles Hart and Gerry Davis of this city appeared for trial in the circuit court at Beatrice, Neb., last Friday, they fully expected to be cleared of the charge of breaking into and stealing \$1200 worth of suits from a Blue Springs, Neb., store last summer. The goods were the property of the Blue Springs Hotel, one of the largest firms operating at Blue Springs. When the suits were discovered to be stolen, the two men started to flee, but were held by a posse of men and taken to the state penitentiary at Lincoln.

The young men, both of whom have lived in St. Joseph, for six years were arrested here a few days after the theft, when they were found driving a car without a license number. A search of their car revealed in the discovery of several suit cases filled with suit goods, identified later as the property of the Blue Springs store.

SEE MUST OWN ALL THESE WOMEN

This is probably the first time that the gap women of the state realize that they have a full fledged boss in this state—and that she talks to them just as though they belonged to her—in fact are at her beck and call. Alma Doncke Sasse is the female who owns these gap women body and soul and this is the way that she issues her royal orders and hands out her favors.

"Republican Women of Missouri, you have kept the faith! You have hugged the principles of Abner to your breasts—have had the issue without compromise and worked untidily for victory. Without your loyalty—your steadfast advice and wholehearted response—we could not have won. It is with the deepest gratitude and appreciation that I acknowledge your loyal efforts.

Alma Doncke Sasse."

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